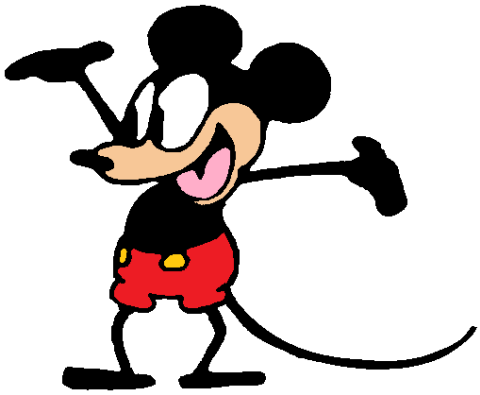


Mickey Mouse is now in the <u>Public Domain</u>!

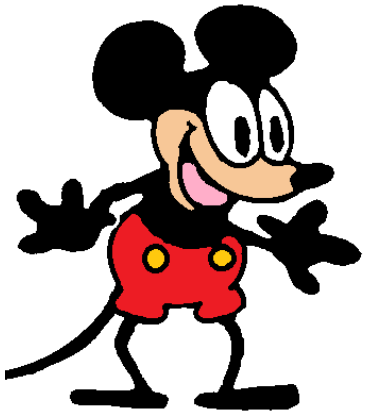
The copy-rights for the animations “Steamboat Willie”, “The Gallopin Gaucho”, “Plane Crazy”, and several promotional posters for them have expired!

But what does this mean for you?

Let’s start with the shorter list:

What you *cannot* do:

- ✗ Trick people into thinking the art you are selling of Mickey Mouse is *official* Disney merch, or sanctioned by Disney
- ✗ Sell art of Mickey that includes *specific designs* still protected by Disney’s copyright



What you can do:

- ✔ Share, edit, remix, remaster, and sell the original animations that are now in the Public Domain.
- ✔ Sell digital, traditional, and written art that you have made of Mickey, Minnie, and Pete, with no permission required!
- ✔ Add new colors and patterns to Mickey, Minnie, and Pete’s classic outfits, or design them brand new outfits altogether!
- ✔ Create new stories with Mickey, Minnie, and Pete, as animations, movies, books, or comics, and sell them!

Some common misconceptions…

- ◆ Some people think that you have to stick to the original designs to the letter, IE: keeping them black and white, not having gloves on Mickey, and not letting them talk – but this is just a misunderstanding of what the Public Domain is! You can design and use them in any way you want, as long as you aren’t using a *specific design* still protected by Disney’s copy-rights. They can have color outfits, gloves, and talk! They belong to all of us now! Have fun!